

F-8-126  
Fountain Rock Lime Co. Quarry & Housing Survey District Ca. 1870; 1900-1941

Walkersville, Maryland

Frederick County, Maryland

Private

The Fountain Rock Lime Quarry Company and Housing is a former rural industrial complex built in the first decade of the 20th century and consisting of a water-filled quarry pit, the ruins of a six-oven lime kiln, a circa 1870 log house and two frame houses, used as company housing at the quarry site. Currently a County park with potential for development as a recreational and educational site, the quarry site also has the potential for historic and prehistoric archeological information. A master plan for its development has been drafted including fishing, nature trails and wildlife habitat study as well as interpretation of the historical character of the quarry and subsequent uses of the site.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont  
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery  
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:  
Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930 A.D.  
Modern Period 1930- Present A.D.

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:  
Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Community Planning  
Economic (Commercial and Industrial)

Resource Type:  
Category: District

Environment: Rural

Function & Use:  
Domestic/single dwelling residence  
Industry/Processing Extraction/extractive facility/quarry  
Industry/Processing/Extraction/manufacturing facility

Known Design Source: None

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## State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE   yes   x no

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Fountain Rock Lime Company Quarry &amp; Housing Survey District

and/or common Fountain Rock Park

### 2. Location

street & number Fountain Rock Spring Road and Fountain Rock Road    not for publicationcity, town Walkersville    vicinity of    congressional district 6thstate Maryland    county Frederick

### 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u>  </u> district	<u>  </u> public	<u>  </u> occupied	<u>  </u> agriculture
<u>  </u> building(s)	<u>  </u> private	<u>  </u> unoccupied	<u>  </u> commercial
<u>  </u> structure	<u>  </u> both	<u>  </u> work in progress	<u>  </u> educational
<u>  </u> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<u>  </u> entertainment
<u>  </u> object	<u>  </u> in process	<u>  </u> yes: restricted	<u>  </u> government
	<u>  </u> being considered	<u>  </u> yes: unrestricted	<u>  </u> industrial
	<u>  </u> not applicable	<u>  </u> no	<u>  </u> military
			<u>  </u> museum
			<u>  </u> park
			<u>  </u> private residence
			<u>  </u> religious
			<u>  </u> scientific
			<u>  </u> transportation
			<u>  </u> other:

### 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Board of County Commissioners

street & number Winchester Hall, 12 E. Church St.    telephone no.:city, town Frederick,    state and zip code MD 21701

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse    liberstreet & number 100 W. Patrick St.    foliocity, town Frederick    state MD 21701

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Brinkman/James Survey #606

date 1970's    federal    x state    county    local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Crownsville    state MD

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent

☒ good

☐ fair

☐ deteriorated

☐ ruins

☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered

☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved

date of move

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Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing Resource Count: 5

(Typed on separate sheet)

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** Ca. 1870; 1900-1941 **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: ☒A ☐B ☒C ☒D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐A ☐B ☐C ☐D ☐E ☐F ☐G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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## 10. Geographical Data

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

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### 11. Form Prepared By

city or town	Frederick	state	MD	21701
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100 COMMUNITY PLACE  
CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023  
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## 7.1 Description

The Fountain Rock Lime Company Quarry and Housing is an early 20th century rural industrial district of structures built about 1900-1910 including a large open quarry pit, now filled with water, a lime-burning kiln with six stacks and some associated stone foundations of demolished industrial structures, a log house with german exterior siding, and two frame dwelling houses, one with composition siding and the other with vinyl siding. The log house may predate the other structures by approximately 35-40 years. The site is now a county park and is the subject of a master plan for developing its recreational and educational potential. The park also includes a non-contributing meeting building built about 1976-80. The complex is located on the east side of Fountain Rock Road, from which an access road, Fountain Rock Spring Road, leads directly into the park gate. The dwelling structures and the meeting house are located on the north and south sides of the access road and the lime kiln is located about 30 yards east of the buildings. The quarry pit is just northeast of the houses, with covered picnic pavilions lining its southwest bank. The entire complex is bordered on the south by the former Frederick and Pennsylvania Railroad line, now the Maryland Midland Railroad line. Fountain Rock Park is located within the town limits of Walkersville, Maryland on its extreme western border.

The two principal features of the Fountain Rock Survey District are the quarry pit and the lime kiln. The quarry is about 1 1/2 acres in area and about 30 ft. deep. The spring which fills the quarry was noted on the Titus 1873 Map of Frederick County prior to the establishment of the quarry and lime operations. In the 1950's, a trout fishery was established in the old quarry property and several trout ponds are scattered about the site, principally northwest of the quarry and the dwelling houses. The kiln is a single rectangular, flat-topped stack of rubble stone with three arched fire openings on the east and west elevations. The County Parks and Recreation Department's historical background information on the lime works states that the operations included eight ovens, two of which have collapsed. Their location is not known at the time of this survey. The stack is free-standing rather than built into a slope, due to the flat site of the quarry. The stone abutments, possibly foundations of the demolished stacks, just northwest of the kiln and the top of the kiln are overgrown with vegetation and grass, but the general outline of the kiln and the fire openings is cleared.

The housing is clustered near the end of the access road in the southwest corner of the site. The log house and the non-contributing meeting house are located on the north side of the road facing the two frame dwelling houses on the south side. The log house is a two-story structure with three bays on the first floor and two on the second story. A one-story porch shelters the center entrance. The exterior is covered with german siding and the foundation is stone. The gable roof is covered by a standing seam roof. A single interior brick chimney rises from the east gable end. The windows are 1/1. The door has a glazed upper panel. The porch columns are narrow chamfered posts and the porch roof is covered with composition material. The rear elevation has a one-story shed addition with modern artificial siding. The building's log structure is apparent only by its general form and proportion. The Parks & Recreation Department's historical information identifies it as a log building, but does not date the structure. Since logs would be unusual in the first decade of the 20th century as a structural material, it is likely that the house was a farm structure shown on the 1873 Titus Map as "A. Diehl", one of several in the vicinity of the quarry site. Adam Diehl was the owner of several farms in the area at the time.

## 7.2 Description (continued)

The two frame houses on the south side of the road were probably built during the period 1900-1910. The westernmost has a similar plan and form to the log house, but is covered with composition siding. Many of the window openings are open or boarded and the sash appears to be missing. The house is unoccupied. The eastern house is occupied as the caretaker's quarters. It has a gable facade on the north side with a one-story porch and a three-bay first story elevation. The upper floor has only a single window on the north elevation. The exterior is covered with vinyl siding and the windows are 1/1 vinyl clad sash. The roof is standing seam metal.

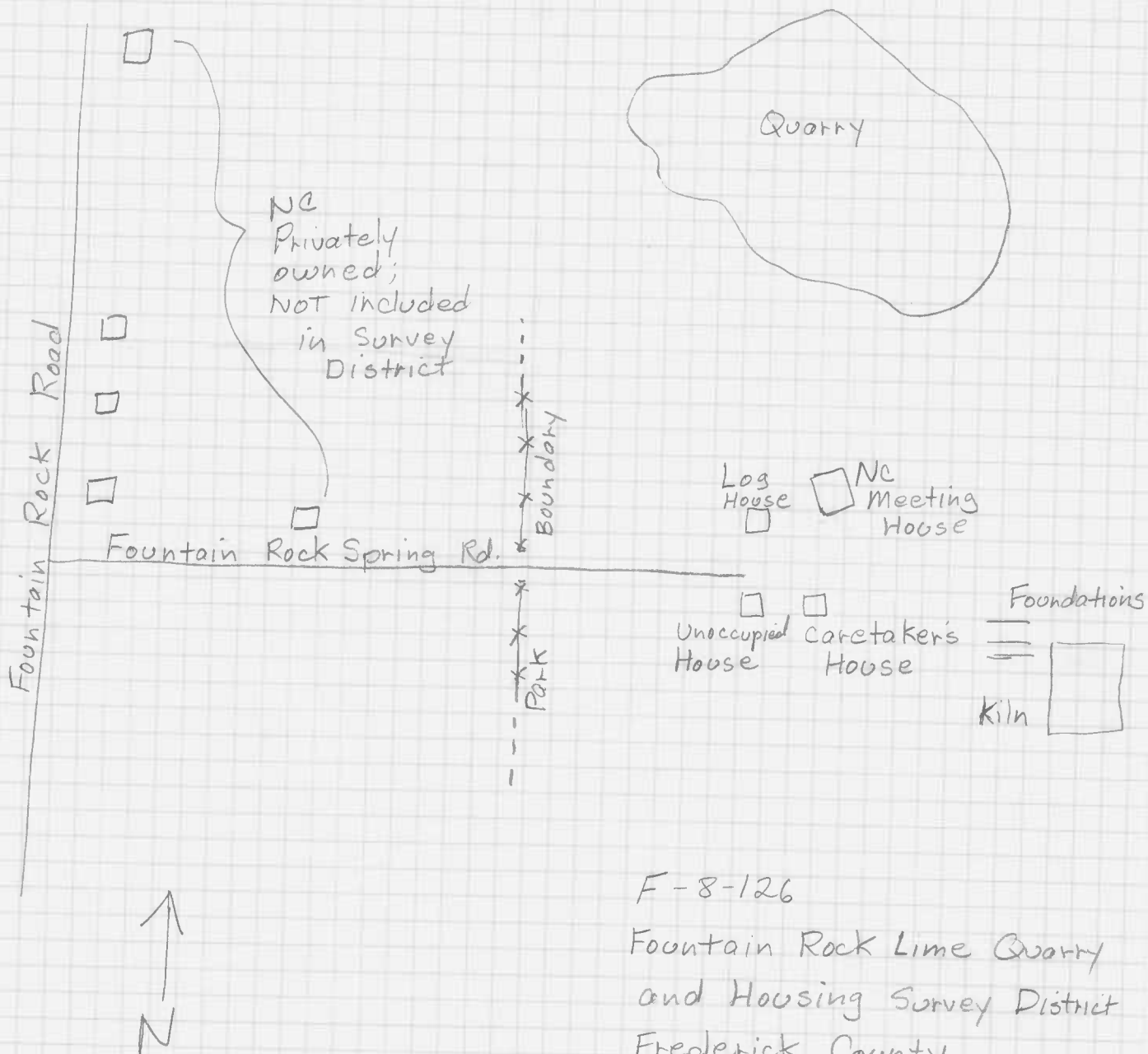
West of the park gate on Fountain Rock Spring Road and along the east side of Fountain Rock Road to the north are five privately-owned dwellings which appear to date from the first quarter of the 20th century. They may have some relationship with the period of significance of the quarry and kiln works, but this is undocumented at the present time. A future expansion of the Fountain Rock Survey District may be advisable if further research shows a clear connection between these properties and the quarry.

The potential for archeological significance is apparent from the size of the remaining visible industrial structures. The Parks and Recreation Department's historical overview report contains a letter from Dennis Curry, of the Maryland Geological Survey, dated 27 April 1987, in which he suggests that the possibility exists of prehistoric sites in the area from the early Archaic (8,000 B.C.) to Late Woodland (1600 A.D.) periods. Historic archeology may reveal the industrial history of the site more clearly, since the report contains references to steam-powered mills, water pumps, railroad spur utilization for transportation of bagged lime, hoists, and blasting and drilling operations, all of which required structures, of which no trace is visible. The location of a blacksmith shop to be rebuilt as part of the master plan for the park is noted on the schematic plan, but no evidence is readily visible for its location and structural details. The plan shows it as located east of the kiln. Additionally, the historical overview suggests a possible whiskey still site, now collapsed, near the kiln which was used during the Prohibition period 1919-1932. The location is unknown at this time.



## 8.1 Significance

The Fountain Rock Lime Quarry and Housing Survey District is significant as an early 20th century rural industrial site related to the larger lime quarrying industry centered on the Legore area north of Woodsboro about four miles north of the Fountain Rock site. Begun in about 1907 by Leonard E. Barrick, son of S.W. Barrick, the founder of S.W. Barrick & Sons Lime Quarry near Legore in 1874, the Fountain Rock lime operation was meant to expand the main works' production, but it never achieved enough output, reportedly because of the small number of ovens. The Barrick Company sold the quarry to J.E. Stoner and W.E. Powell in 1928. The production of lime and brick continued until the late 1940's or early 1950's, but was increasingly superceded by trout farming and other uses from the 1940's. The potential for information about early 20th century lime industry operations in Frederick County is high, given the visible structures and the probable archeological remains. The Survey District is also significant, although untested, for possible prehistoric archeological potential centered in the period from 8,000 B.C. to 1,600 A.D. (early Archaic through Late Woodland) based on documented sites nearby. The presence of a log structure possibly of about 1870 in the group of company dwelling houses represents the architecture theme, as it indicates an earlier structure than the rest of the dwellings. The dwelling houses as a group may be compared with the company housing groups associated with the Barrick Lime Company and the Legore Quarry, some of which are of the same time period. The Fountain Rock buildings appear to be less unified in design and siting, suggesting the speculative nature of the lime operations in the early 20th century.



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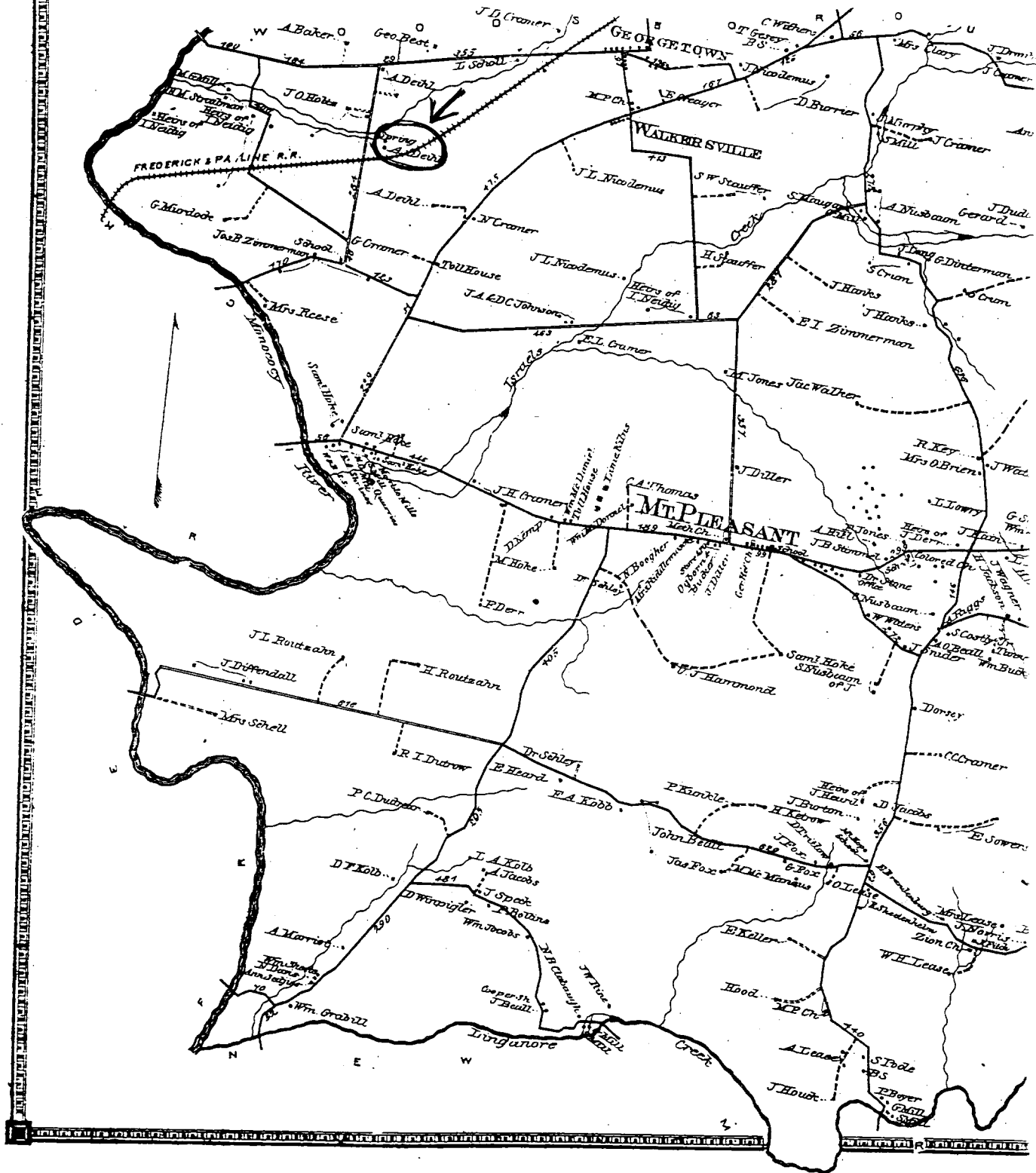
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Janet Davis  
May 14, 1991

Not to Scale

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Scale 2 Inches to the mile

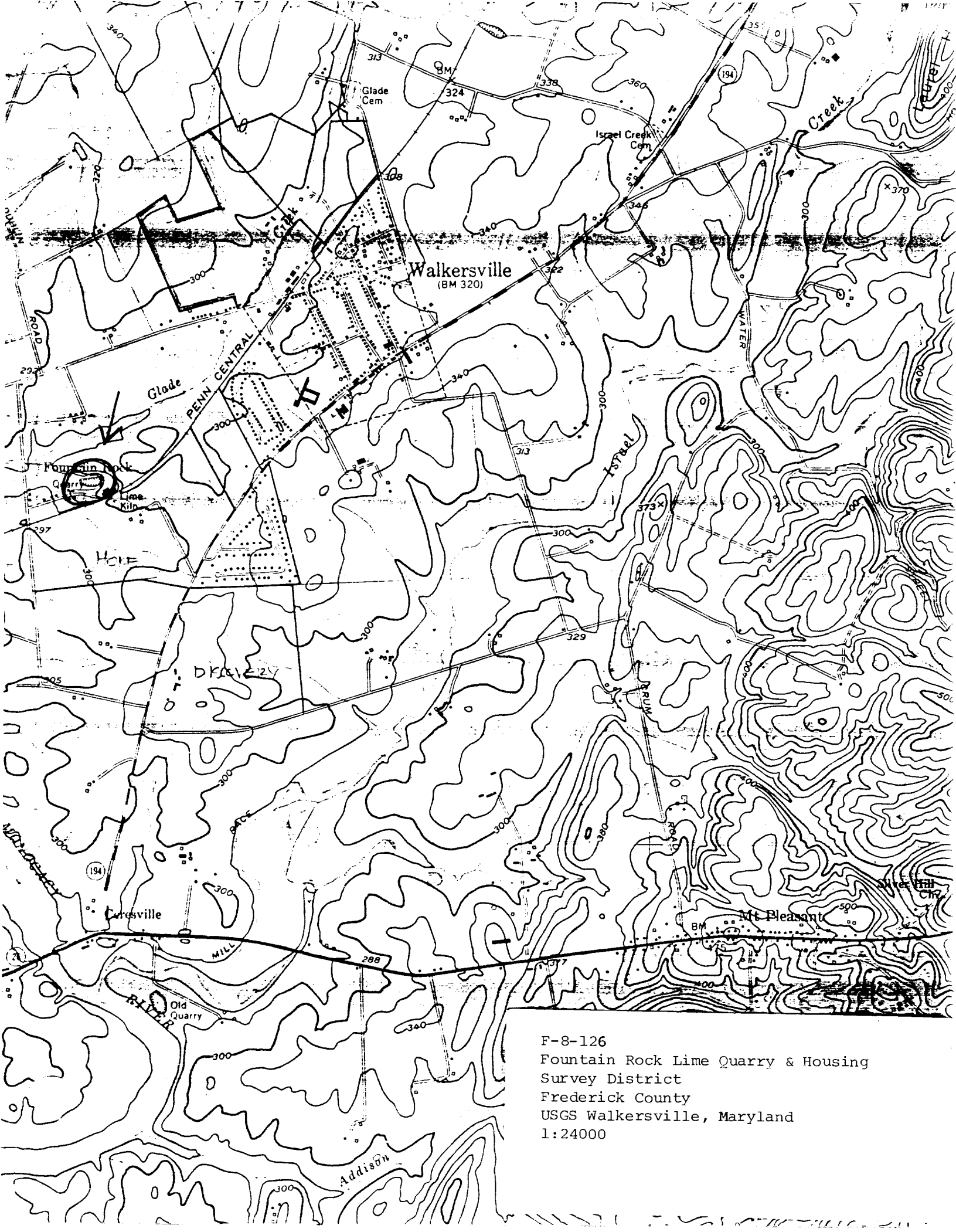


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C.O. Titus, Atlas of Frederick County, 1873



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Quarry, general view

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Lime Kiln, west elevation

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Log house, south elevation

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Frame houses, northeast corner view

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